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Dear Senator Monroe and Representative Smith-Warner

I am a Business Education teacher at Ashland High School, and for the last several years also a Teacher on Special Assignment (TOSA). My special assignment has been focusing on Creative Leadership Achieves Student Success (CLASS) and School District Collaboration Fund (SDCF) initiatives. In this role I have managed our CLASS grant and year one collaboration grant, I was the lead author and coordinator of our year two and three SDCF grants, and I am continuing the implementation of this work. I was appointed to the Deputy Superintendent's Advisory Council (DSAC) for the last two years, and I am currently on the Council for Educator Advancement (CEA). I am deeply immersed in teacher leadership as an avenue to improved outcomes for all students and increased support for all educators throughout their careers.

The continuum of investments in support of educator improvement is well documented; I am writing to ask you to support SB 182 as the next step in this process. This will bring us closer to scaling up the recommendations of the CEA, which are closely aligned with the work of the DSAC, the Distinguished Educators Council, and the findings from SDCF participants.

We are making progress towards an equitable system of professional learning for Oregon educators, and we are committed to continuing this journey from theory into practice. We will create a strong foundation for educational practices that address the needs of all of Oregon's students, and that will provide support for educators across their career, through the systemic changes that are possible with the adoption of SB 182. This will ultimately lead to developing Oregon's capacity to have caring, competent and culturally responsive educators in every classroom.

Please support SB 182.

Thank you for your consideration,

Karen Green, M.Ed.